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SUMMARY EMBOFFS URGED FONOFF REPS THAT GOJ TAKE TIMELY DECISION TO  
ENABLE PM MIKI DURING WASHINGTON VISIT TO MAKE FIRM COMMITMENT OF  
100 MILLION DOLLARS JAPANESE NON-PROJECT  
AID IN CY 75. FONOFF REPS SAID  
FONOFF DOING BEST BUT QUESTION STILL UNDER DISCUSSION AT MINISTERIAL  
LEVEL BETWEEN FONOFF AND FIANCE MINISTRY. FONOFF ANTICIPATES  
DESION ONE WAY OR OTHER WILL BE TAKEN NEXTU DAY OR TWO. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY VERY MUCH APPRECIATES PROMPT RESPONSES TO REF D  
AND CITATIONS IN RESPONSES TO DEPT'S EARLIER EXDIS CABLES.

2. ON AUGUST 1, DRAWING ON REF A, EMBASSY URGED DEMARCHE TO  
FONOFF REPS (ISHII, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC  
COOPERATION BUREAU, AND SEZAKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FIRST ECONOMIC  
COOPERATION DIVISION THAT GOJ MAKE DECISION PRIOR TO MIKI-FORD  
MEETING AUGUST 5 TO ENABLE MIKI TO CONFIRM WHEN IN WASHINGTON  
THAT JAPAN WILL CONTRIBUTE 100 MILLION DOLLARS IN NON-PROJECT  
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AID TO EGYPT DURING CY 75. OTHER POINTS CONTAINED REF A WERE  
ALSO STRESSED. ADDITIONALLY, EMBOFFS REVIEWED WITH FONOFF REPS  
JULY 10 IBRD MEETING REPORTED REF E TO ENSURE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF  
POINTS MADE THEN. FINALLY, EMBOFFS CONVEYED INFO CONTAINED

REF C IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER FONOFF QUESTIONS, FOR WHICH  
FONOFF REPS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S PRESENTATION, ISHII RESPONDED AS  
FOLLOWS: FONOFF HAS BEEN DOING BEST AND IS CONTINUING EFFORTS SO  
THAT PM MIKI WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE FIRM COMMITMENT ON OCCASION  
OF WASHINGTON VISIT. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FONOFF AND FINANCE MINISTRY  
(MOF) ON THIS QUESTION HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AND WILL CONTINUE AT  
MIYAZAWA-OHIRA (IE MINISTERIAL) LEVEL. IN A WORD, TIMING IS VERY  
VERY BAD FOR GOJ IN THAT GOJ REVENUES ARE DOWN AND BUDGET  
DEFICIT INCREASING AS RESULT OF PRESENT RECESSION, AND THREE  
REVENUE BILLS FAILED TO PASS RECENT DIET. FACT THAT PROMPT AND  
FAVORABLE GOJ DECISION WOULD ENCOURAGE EUROPEAN DONORS TO MOVE  
FORWARD QUICKLY. UNFORTUNATELY, MOF IS VERY INTERESTED IN  
GERMAN RESPONSE TO USG APPEAL FOR AID, FEELING THAT FRG'S INTERESTS  
IN EGYPT ARE AT LEAST AS GREAT AS THOSE OF JAPAN AND  
THEREFORE WISHING TO SEE GERMANY MOVE FIRST. INFO CONVEYED BY  
EMBOFFS RE FRENCH, UN, AND OTHER SMALL EUROPEAN DONORS IS  
VALUABLE AND WILL BE HELPFUL TO FONOFF IN PERSUADING MOF. IN  
ORDER TO HAVE DECISION IN TIME FOR MIKI VISIT, SAID ISHII, IT  
WILL BE NECESSARY TO COME TO THIS DECISION WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO.  
ISHII UNDERTOOK TO INFORM EMBASSY WHEN DECISION MADE.

4. RE TERMS, THOSE QUOTED REF A (E.E. 3.5-25-7) WERE THOSE ORIGINALLY  
OFFERED EGYPTIANS IN FEBRUARY 1974. SEXAKI SAID TERMS OF CY 75  
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WOULD BE NO BETTER AND POSSIBLY NOT AS GOOD.  
SEXAKI ALSO SAID THAT SINCE EARLIER REQUEST BY GOE OFFICIAL TO  
VISITING GOJ TRANSPORTATION VICE MINISTER ON OCCASION OF SUEZ CANAL  
REOPENING THAT JAPAN PROVIDE 200 MILLION DOLLARS IN AID, GOE AND GOJ  
HAVE NOT DISCUSSED QUESTION FURTHER. FINALLY SEXAKI CONFIRMED IN  
RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUERY THAT FONOFF HAS NO OUTSTANDING  
QUESTIONS TO WHICH IT AWAITS ANSWERS FROM USG. EMBOFF'S  
ASSURED HIM USG REMAINED WILLING TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL  
NECESSARY INFO IN RESPONSE TO GOJ REQUESTS.  
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